Frederick County
4-H Newsletter

October-November 2014

Fall 2014 Paper Clover Fundraiser
The Fall 2014 Paper Clover Fundraiser is scheduled for October 8-19, 2014. Tractor Supply Company & Del’s raised over $1 Million ($1,136,239) to support 4-H youth programs during only 24 days in 2013!! Let’s beat those numbers in 2014! So far we have $787,769 for 2014. Put the Fall 2014 Paper Clover dates on your calendar now!

Invite friends and family to support 4-H by donating $1 at check out when they are done shopping. 100% of each dollar goes to the 4-H. 70% of all funds collected support local and state 4-H programs right where you live.

College of Agriculture & Natural Resources Open House
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014 - 10:00am to 3:00pm
Central MD Research & Education Center, Clarksville Facility
CMREC - Clarksville Facility; 4240 Folly Quarter Road; Ellicott City, MD 21042

Fall is a busy time, but we hope you will mark your calendars and make time to attend the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR) Open House. It’s FREE and open to the public.

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has top notch academic programs in addition to research and Extension components. University of Maryland Extension has an office in each county and Baltimore City, as well as specialists located at several of the Research and Education Centers strategically located across the state. We provide educational programs and practical solutions right in your community!

Come to our Open House at the farm and learn how our Academic, Research, and Extension programs benefit you. See the horses, cows, calves, and turtles . . . participate in birdwatching . . . see the beautiful butterflies . . . watch chicks hatch out of their eggs . . . check out the backyard poultry . . . take a hay wagon farm tour . . . visit the educational and interactive displays and exhibits on everything from nutrition to rural enterprise development . . . participate in the numerous hands-on activities . . . purchase some food from one of the student organization food tents . . . talk with an AGNR representative . . . and get your plant questions answered by a Master Gardener!

Through the passport and scavenger hunt activities, pre-school and school age children get to learn in a fun way. Those with completed passports and scavenger hunts get to choose from some cool prizes! There is something for everyone to see and do at the AGNR Open House!

We will see you at the farm - rain or shine!

The University of Maryland, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources programs are open to all and will not discriminate against anyone because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry, or national origin, marital status, genetic information, or political affiliation, or gender identity and expression.
**Fair Superintendents**

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the department superintendents. You do a huge amount of planning and set up to make the 4-H part of the fair run smoothly! **You’re the best!**

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**Cake Auction**

Thank you to all the buyers for your support and the success of the cake auction. Special recognition goes to the top buyers:

Krietz Auto, Ross Contracting, HB Duvall Inc., Trish Mills Team, Frederick Motor Company, Eddie’s Landscaping, and Tri-State Home Services

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**Character Counts Awards**

Congratulations to the 4-H members listed below for receiving their club’s Character Counts award for 2014!

- Ricky Adkins - Lewistown Mt View
- Katelyn Allen - Middletown Valley Dairy
- Katelyn Allen - Valley Urbanites
- Elizabeth Belt - Shookstown
- Eva Bryant - Bits ‘n’ Bridles
- Rayann Eaves - Kaleidoscope
- Addison Eyler - Rocky Ridge
- Emily Horner - Paddock Pals
- Ella Jacobs - Johnsville
- Blair Kreh - The 4-H Achievers
- Jacob Manley - Bug Patrol
- Jesse Martin - Tailwaggers
- Ray Martin IV - Walkersville
- Ian Sanville - Calico Clovers
- Natalie Schiazzi - Shooting Sports
- Olivia Sica - Tom’s Creek
- Tyler Umberger - Goat Club
- Whitney Wastler - Middletown Valley Youth

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**2014 4-H Fair Building Awards Most Blue Ribbons Per Department**

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**Congratulations to all of the 4-H’ers that worked so hard on their projects this year.**

**Keep up the good work!**
Livestock and Performance Animal Champions

**Alpaca Department:**
(my apologies for not getting having this in time, this information will be available in the next newsletter)

**Beef Department:**
Grand Champion Market Steer - Whitney Wastler
Supreme Champion Female - Taylor Clarke

**Dairy Department:**
4-H Junior Supreme Champion - Joseph Hubbard
4-H Senior Supreme Champion - Cadin Valentine
4-H Bred & Owned Supreme Champion - Katelyn Allen

**Dog Department:**
1st Year Beginner Agility: Joanna Cleaver with Jack
Standard Agility: Alexandra Broadhurst with Isis
Excellence Agility: Alexandra Broadhurst with Isis
Gambler's Choice - All Ages: Alexandra Broadhurst with Isis

**Goat Department:**
Grand Champion Market Goat - Katie Mayne
Overall Champion Dairy Goat - Arianna Piper
Overall Champion Meat Goat - Katie Mayne

**Horse Department:**
Outstanding 4-Her English - Summer Grove
Outstanding 4-Her Western - Jordan Yingling

**Rabbit Department:**
Best In Show Rabbit - Jason Nalley
Champion Roaster - Claire Paulishak
Champion Meat Pen - Middletown FFA
Best In Show Cavy - Laura Dutton

**Poultry Department:**
Best In Show Poultry - Luke Gladhill

**Sheep Department:**
Grand Champion Market Lamb - Matthew Chaney
Supreme Champion Ewe - Ashley Fuss

**Swine Department:**
Grand Champion Market Hog - Nikita Miller
Supreme Champion Gilt - Thomas Flohr

Thank you to all the sponsors for this year’s livestock and building awards. There were 269 awards sponsored!

**Royalty**
Congratulations to our new 4-H Royalty Court. Garret Buckmeier and Ashley Fuss were crowned as this year’s 4-H King and Queen. Konner Sowell and Madison Spurrier were named Junior Prince and Princess. Chase Ferguson, Sarah Heiland, and Rachel Summers and were named Prince and Princesses. Please be sure to congratulate them when you see them!

**Up Coming Meetings**
All meetings held at the Extension Office

**Indoor Building Superintendents:**
Monday, November 3rd; 6:00 p.m.

**Livestock Superintendents:**
Wednesday, November 5th; 6:00 p.m.

**Leaders Meeting:**
Tuesday, November 18th; 6:00 p.m.

**Beef, Sheep & Swine Meetings**
All meetings will be held at the 4-H Camp and Activity Center starting at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 15th
Tuesday, November 11th

**Beef, Sheep & Swine Advisory Meetings**
Meetings will be held at the Extension Office

Wednesday, November 5th; 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 29th; 6:30 p.m.

Steer Livestock Registration forms due to the 4-H Office, 4 p.m. Friday, December 19th. Forms are in triplicate and are available at the 4-H Office in the lobby on the wall.

Steer Weigh-In: Frederick County Fairgrounds; Saturday, January 3rd; 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Valley Urbanites

Coaches Myrtle Sturtz and Susan Trice joined their 4-Hers at the Maryland State Fair for Horticulture Judging. The girls had to identify between 20 and 40 items in each of the following categories: Fruits, Nuts & Berries, Land Ornamentals, Pests & Diseases, Vegetables, Flowers & Indoor Plants. All summer long, Mrs. Sturtz brought in numerous samples to the weekly practices so the team could have hands-on judging practice. The members did well at the contest and Claire Edwards qualified to attend the National Contest.

Caroline and Claire Edwards, who are part of the Horticulture Judging Team, did a related demonstration at the Valley Urbanites’ September’s meeting. They brought in several exotic fruits. After teaching the members about each of the fruits, they offered samples to everyone. Dragon Fruit and a Plantain were a couple of the fruits that they shared.

The 4-Hers are looking forward to October’s meeting where they will decorate a scarecrow for the streets of Middletown.

By Meghan Cole
The Robo Rangers 4-H Club Junior team placed first and received Junior Champion honors in the Maryland State 4-H Lego Robotics Challenge held on August 24, 2014 at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium, MD. Front row left to right: Zachary Spurrier, Jonathon Dickens and Peyton Bollinger. Back row: Dr. Wei, Dean & Director, Agricultural Experiment Station & University of Maryland Extension; Dr. E. Neslon Escobar, Interim Associate Extension Administrator University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Dr. Steven Wright, Associate Director of University of Maryland Extension.

The Robo Rangers 4-H Club Senior Team placed first and won Senior and Overall Grand Champion awards at the Maryland State 4-H Lego Robotics Challenge held at the Maryland State Fair on August 24, 2014 in Timonium, MD. Front row left to right: Senior team members are Ben Coyne, Daniel Clever, Trevor Fitzgibbon, Madison Spurrier and Beau Dickens. Back row: Dr. Wei, Dean & Director, Agricultural Experiment Station & University of Maryland Extension; Dr. E. Neslon Escobar, Interim Associate Extension Administrator University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Dr. Steven Wright, Associate Director of University of Maryland Extension.

The newly formed Robo Rangers 4-H club is hosting a Lego Robotics open house on Sunday October 12, 2014 from 4-6 pm at the Extension Office. Club members will be demonstrating their Lego Mindstorm robots that they used in the State 4-H Lego Robotics Challenge on August 24, 2014 and showing visitors how to design and battle Sugobots. Other activities to introduce visitors to the club and 4-H robotics and engineering programs will also be available.

The Robo Rangers 4-H club was organized in March of 2014. The first Activity the club was to prepare for the 4-H Lego Challenge at the Maryland State Fair. Team members for the Junior and Senior teams work hard designing, building and programming their Lego Mindstorm Robots to complete a series of tasks on a game board. This year’s theme was “Technology for Senior Citizens”. They learned about the technology needs of local senior citizens. The teams also completed a community service project by raising funds and donations for a Wii game console for the Urbana Senior Center for recreational and rehabilitative programs.

The teams competed on August 24, 2014 at the Maryland State Fair and each won their individual age divisions and the senior team was the Overall Challenge Champion. Junior team members were Zachary Spurrier, Jonathon Dickens, and Peyton Bollinger. The Junior team was coached by Stephen and Kevin Coyne. Senior team members were Ben Coyne, Daniel Clever, Trevor Fitzgibbon, Madison Spurrier and Beau Dickens. The team was coached by Mark Spurrier.

For more information about the club or the programs it offers, please e-mail Mark Spurrier at dvltrt@aol.com

The Monocacy Montessori 4-H Club had a great time visiting the Great Frederick Fair for the VERY FIRST TIME!! We spent over three hours looking at exhibits and watching the animals. We are looking forward to participating in the fair next year!

4-H Goat Club
Due to Election Day being held on the 1st Tuesday in November, the next Frederick County 4-H Goat Club will be held on:

WEDNESDAY, November 5, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Linganore Grange Hall; Unionville, MD
Tailwaggers 4-H Club

Five members of the Tailwaggers Club represented Frederick County at the 2014 Maryland State 4-H Dog Show on Thursday, August 21st. All five showed their dogs in the Fitting & Showing competition. Josie Andrews earned second place in the Junior First Year Novice Fitting & Showing. In Junior Novice Fitting & Showing, Alexandra Broadhurst earned first, Joanna Cleaver came in third, and Jay Andrews garnered fourth. Hali Gagne received fifth place in the Senior Novice Fitting & Showing competition. In addition, two members showed in Obedience and Rally. Alexandra Broadhurst and Isis earned first place in Junior Novice Obedience and were overall Grand Champion for Novice Obedience. They also received first place Junior Novice Rally. Joanna Cleaver, showing Jack, received second place in Junior Sub-Novice Obedience and eighth in Junior Novice Rally.

The Tailwaggers were also very well represented at the Great Frederick Fair Dog Show held Monday, September 15th. Ten club members participated in the Showmanship portion of the competition. Cullen Leck with Winn was awarded Showmanship Grand Champion and Alexandra Broadhurst with Isis was named Reserve Grand Champion. Eight club members competed in the Conformation round. Jay Andrews with Oliver received Grand Champion Purebred and Jesse Martin with Ariel earned Reserve Champion Purebred. Joanna Cleaver with Jack was named Champion Mix-breed. Four members participated in the Obedience and Agility competitions. Joanna Cleaver earned Sub-Novice Obedience Champion and Alexandra Broadhurst garnered Novice Obedience Champion. Alexandra also won first in the Standard, Excellence, and Gambler's Choice Agility rounds.

Many thanks to our Superintendent, Randi Whitacre and Ring Steward, Andi Cloutier for running a great show as well as to judges: Lisa Lulie, Jeff Margeson, and Pat Schapp for providing such informative feedback. The Tailwaggers also wish to thank all the people and institutions that have provided training and instructional space for our 4-Hers this year including: Randi Whitacre, Andi Cloutier, Rebecca Wilson, Caroline Shedd, Catoc-tin Kennel Club, Great Frederick Fair, Greenbriar Veterinary Hospital, and Canine Obedience Unlimited.
CALICO CLOVERS

Calico Clovers took advantage of the last month before school started by doing some really fun stuff. First, we went to a Frederick Keys game. We were able to walk on the field with a player for the National Anthem, we got to meet Keyote the mascot, have a good old fashion hot dog and a drink, and to top it off we won the game with some members actually catching some balls that the players were nice enough to sign.

Second, we had an awesome camping adventure at the Suttons house. There were games, 3 tables of crafts (that later were entered in the Frederick Fair as a club), and s’mores! Some members of the club even spent the night in their tents.
The 4-H Achievers have been very busy during the summer and into the fall. Several members participated in the county 4-H Campfire and enjoyed a pizza dinner prior to the club skits. Members also enjoyed their annual trip to Adventure Park where fun was had by all, and many participated in the club’s summer picnic.

Several of our members entered their projects into the Great Frederick Fair. The 4-H Achievers were represented in the sheep and goat departments, the 4-H Building, and the 4-H Cake Auction, where funds were raised to support the county 4-H program.

Our October meeting had members doing their fall beautification project of weeding and planting fall flowers around the Masonic sign. Also at our meeting, members gave fair wrap-up reports and brought their ribbons and awards to share with the club.

We are gearing up for a busy fall/winter season with many activities being planned. The 4-H Achievers meet on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Frederick Masonic Temple on Blentlinger Road in Frederick.
Members of The Bug Patrol, a Frederick County 4-H club devoted to learning more about insects recently participated in The Great Insect Fair at Pennsylvania State University in State College, PA. This is the largest insect fair in the United States and several thousand people attended during the day. Members of The Bug Patrol brought their pinned insect collections to show the public, but greatest interest was in the live specimens, including walking sticks, Madagascan hissing cockroaches, death feigning beetles, a vinegaroon (also known as a whip scorpion), and a large rose haired tarantula. Members of the club enjoyed the public’s reaction to realizing that they were standing next to a live tarantula. For more information about The Bug Patrol, contact its adult advisor, Michael Turell at mturell@erols.com.
We drove to Sparta, IL for the 175th ATA/AIM Grand National Championship. We were the first ever 4-H Shooting Sports “team” from not only Frederick County, but for Maryland to attend this event! The event is held at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex and is over 2600 acres. This is a National Trap shooting event at an Olympic style facility and was an awesome experience for everyone! We thought the MSSA grounds in Thurmont was big until we saw the over 3 1/2 miles of back to back trap fields! The event goes from August 2nd through the 19th with the first three days (2nd-5th) set aside for "AIM" events and special events for the youth. AIM is the ATA’s youth organization and stands for Academics, Integrity and Marksmanship. We practiced and went with the intention to go and participate for the experience, but many placed very well winning several events and all exceeded their goals and personal best scores!

*Ashley Grimes (15 yrs old) was our "Squad Leader" at station "1" from Thurmont took trophies for High Lady in the 28 Gauge 25 target event and the 50 target International Wobble Trap event.

*Shane Biser (12 yrs old) who has been shooting for 3 years was our station "2" shooter and took trophies for 3rd place in the Doubles event, 3rd for the Annie Oakley event, International Wobble, perfect score of 25/25 in the 28 Gauge event, Beretta Pistol event, Rifle Challenge and Handgun Challenge.

*Kevin Horton (11 years old) on station "3" with one year experience won a third place trophy for the "NRA 3-Gun Shoot" which is based on time and accuracy with Shotgun, Rifle and Pistol.

*John Schroyer (15 years old) on station "4" who just started shooting was so inspired by the experience that in memory of his father and grandfather he decided to used his father’s shotgun and wore his grandfather’s bibbed overalls to compete. He risked a low personal and team score for changing firearms at the last minute and suffered in the heat with the overalls, however he persisted and prevailed shooting and exceeding his personal best scores ever!

*PJ Hinch (14 years old) on station "5" shot 98/100 in the singles category, his first ever 25 straight then decided to stay an extra 2 days to shoot in the actual "Grand American" where he shot a 95/100 in the first event with another 25 straight then shot in the wind and rain on Thursday to score a 96/100 with his first 50 Straight! PJ also exceeded his scores by a lot in all events. His goal was to get his first 25 straight, but ended up with (7) total 25 straights overall!

(more pictures on page 11)
The Sportsman’s Drawing date is extended until November 30th 2014 to be held at the Frederick Fairgrounds. The extension of the drawing date is due to the unavailability of the Massimo UTV Grand prize from Tractor Supply. The machine is assembled in the USA, but the Japanese parts have been stuck in containers at the ports for several months due to technical problems to be resolved soon. We plan to have the drawing at the last day of the MD Christmas Show at the Fairgrounds.

Some of the Team Camped with their parents at the Shooting Complex in Sparta IL. (L-R) Debbie Schroyer, John Schroyer, Sarah Horton, Kevin Horton, Chuck Farmer, PJ Hinch and Coach Paul Hinch

PJ Hinch cleans his shotgun many times at Sparta, IL

4-H Members represent our Club at the Shoot for a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis on September 12th.

Our Club helped at the PPF “Family FUNomenon” at the Frederick Fairgrounds August 23rd. We had a big crowd and a lot of fun despite the rainy weather.

John Schroyer shots a target at the Shoot for a Cure Cystic Fibrosis Sporting Clays event in Keedysville on September 12th.

Recycling shells from the State Trap shoot

Maryland 4-H is represented by our members: (L-R) PJ Hinch, John Schroyer, Sarah Horton, Kevin Horton, Chuck Farmer, PJ Hinch and Coach Paul Hinch

Kevin Horton Shoots a target during a Sporting Clays event for Cystic Fibrosis
DNR Junior Hunter Field Day
Saturday, October 25, 2014
Thurmont Conservation Sportsman Club
9:00 am until 3:00 pm with FREE Lunch!

Parents: Bring your child to experience the fun of the great outdoors and learn how to become involved in the management of our natural resources! Please do not bring any equipment – All equipment will be provided. Certified instructors will oversee all shooting activities. Event is open to youth ages 8 to 16 yrs.

This event is open to the first 100 applicants only! Registration Form must be received prior to Friday, October 17, 2014! Application was sent out to all of 4-H by email, if you did not receive it, contact Lisa at lstrong@umd.edu

4H Online Enrollment System
We will be transitioning to the 4HOnline enrollment system (target deadline is March, 2015). Each 4H member and their family will need to go online and set up their profile. The system will set up a family and then each member can add/update their personal information. We will let you know more information as we receive it and also when it becomes “live” online.

North East Regional Volunteer Forum
The link for the forum information and registration can be found at: NORTH EAST REGIONAL VOLUNTEER FORUM INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION
Maryland has the honor of acting as host for the 2014 Northeast Regional 4-H Volunteers’ Forum to be held November 20-23, 2014 at the Marriott Inn & Conference Center in College Park, Maryland. As many as 350 4-H volunteers from across 13 states will come together to explore new places, experience innovative programs and exchange new ideas. This is a unique opportunity to have this caliber of keynote speakers, workshops, and tours for our volunteers and faculty. We are looking forward to showcasing the outstanding 4-H program that Maryland has for the entire North East.
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Maryland State Horticulture Judging Contest

Frederick County was well represented at the 2014 Maryland State Horticulture Judging Contest held at the Maryland State Fair on Saturday, August 30th. The contest consisted of identifying flowers, vegetables, fruit and nuts, ornamentals, and insects, weeds, and diseases and 8 quality judging classes. The senior contestants also had a written exam. The contest is based on the National Junior Horticulture Association (NJHA) identification lists and guidelines.

In the Junior division, Kendall Cole placed 4th. In the Intermediate division, Caroline Edwards placed 3rd, Meghan Cole placed 5th, and Aubrey Cole placed 8th. Also participating was Caroline Mullineaux. The team placed 2nd. In the Senior division, Claire Edwards placed 3rd and Emma Mullineaux placed 7th. Emma Mullineaux will be representing Maryland at the national contest being held in Lexington, Kentucky on October 10-14 in conjunction with the NJHA Convention. Good Luck Emma! Myrle Sturtz, Susan Trice, and Patti Grove coached the 4-Hers.

The team practiced every Thursday at the 4-H Office during the summer. We had fun learning about the different plants and trees. We even tasted some of the specimens! Anyone interested in learning about horticulture judging should contact Myrtle Sturtz at sturtzm@msn.com

Camp and Activities Center

Community Service Schedule

Club Leaders - please contact Christy Fuss at the Camp Center 240-397-9442 prior to your club’s month to see when and if your club’s help is needed for any events.

Oct- Boots ‘n Buckles
Nov- Lewistown Mt. View, Johnsville
Dec- Tom’s Creek, Bits ‘n’ Bridles

2015
Jan - Lewistown Mt. View, Rocky Ridge
Feb – Middletown Valley Dairy, Jr. Dairy, Goat Club
Mar- Shookstown, Bug Patrol, Alpha Alpaca
Apr - Valley Urbanites, Paddock Pals, Monocacy Achievers
May - Shooting Sports, Monocacy Montessori
Jun - Tailwaggers, Adamstown, Middletown Valley Youth
Jul - Bits & Bridles, Greener Pastures
Aug - 4-H Achievers, Boots ‘n’ Buckles
Sep - (no clubs - GFF)
Oct - Calico Clovers, Walkersville, Kaleidoscope
Nov - Johnsville, Breezy Hill, Tom’s Creek
Dec - Jefferson Co-Eds, Myersville
Maryland 4-H Shooting Shotgun Team Places at National 4-H Invitational

Maryland sent four youth to compete at the 4-H National Shooting Sports Invitational held in Grand Island, Nebraska the week of June 23-29. 558 youth, 156 4-H Volunteer Coaches & over 1200 family members & 4-H volunteers from 34 states participated in the National 4-H Invitational shoot. The shotgun competition was comprised of 100 targets each in Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. There were 27 Shotgun teams with 97 youth representing states entered in this event.

The Maryland 4-H Shotgun Team Placed 13th Overall. Team placing by events: Sporting Clays 10th; Skeet 14th; and Trap 14th. Full event results found at [http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingsportsinvitational/results](http://4h.unl.edu/ntlshootingsportsinvitational/results)

Congratulations to all the team members on their awesome performances at the Nationals!! Lots of event photos in two locations: [https://www.facebook.com/National4HShootingSports](https://www.facebook.com/National4HShootingSports) [http://bradmellema.smugmug.com/2014-4H-National-4-H-Shooting-S](http://bradmellema.smugmug.com/2014-4H-National-4-H-Shooting-S)

On Tuesday, the Maryland delegation toured Hornady Manufacturing where they observed the process of how this company manufactures two million bullets a day. The next stop for the group was when the group toured the Case International plant to observe the manufacture of combines. Case produces 25 to 27 combines daily at this plant. Our Maryland 4-H delegation included 4 team members, 1 coach, 7 parents & family members and Conrad Arnold, Extension 4-H Educator, Dorchester County & Maryland State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator.

This trip would not have been possible without donations from the following: Maryland 4-H Foundation, Maryland 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, Maryland Ag Fair Board, Chesapeake Chapter Safari Club International, Beretta USA, Mid Atlantic Farm Credit, Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Hayward Baker Inc., Hoober Inc., NWTF, Kent County 4-H, Carroll County 4-H, Charles County 4-H, Kent County Gun Club, Sudlersville Skeet Club, Southern States Cooperative, Maryland 4-H Center, the University of Maryland College of Agriculture & University of Maryland Extension and many additional donors and supporters of the MD 4-H Foundation Sporting Clays Fundraiser.

Team members and coaches also wish to say Thank You to Shotgun Team Alternate, Garrett Buckmeier (Frederick Co.), and other members of the State Teams Practice Squad. For additional information about 4-H Shooting Sports programs visit the National 4-H Shooting Sports website at [www.4-hshootingsports.org](http://www.4-hshootingsports.org)

Conrad N. Arnold
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development Dorchester County and Maryland State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator

Shotgun Team members: (Front L to R) Tori Mann (Carroll Co.); Robert Jordan (Howard Co.); (Back L to R) RJ Baldwin (Kent Co.); Tim Duley (Frederick Co.); Team Alternate Garrett Buckmeier (Frederick Co.)
interested in becoming a certified UME 4-H Volunteer? Its a simple 3 step process:
1. Go to the Frederick County 4-H website http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/4h-youth-development/ume-volunteers and fill out and return the 5 necessary forms by email or postal mail to: Attn: Lisa, UME Frederick County 4-H, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702 or lstrong@umd.edu
2. After your completed paperwork has been returned to the office Lisa will contact you to schedule an over the phone Interview which takes about 10-15 minutes.
3. After your Interview Lisa can sign you up for the online orientation training.

After these steps are done and all paperwork is in, the 4-H Educator will review your file and when approved you will receive your 4-H Maryland Leader card. To keep your certified volunteer status current each year you will need to sign a Renewal Appointment Agreement and a Behavioral Expectations Form.

Any questions contact Lisa Strong at lstrong@umd.edu or 301-600-1595.

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